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RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY

Sir:

Applicants respectfully submit the following Response to the Notice of Incomplete Reply mailed August 7, 2001 for the patent application referenced above.

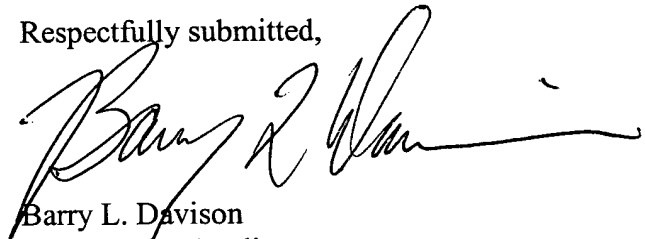
Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84. Applicants respectfully disagree with the Initial Patent Examiner's claim that the drawings contain excessive text, based on 37 CFR 1.84(o), and assert the following: 1) there is no excessive text in the drawings; and 2) the identical drawings and figure legends in the underlying priority parent application were accepted and subsequently issued (U.S. Patent No. 6,251,594).

Therefore, Applicants request that this objection be withdrawn with respect to the present "continuation" application, and further, if not withdrawn, we request a more detailed explanation of what is meant by excessive text in order that we may file a response, if necessary.

Applicants further submit the following:

- 1) Diskette containing the sequence listing in computer readable form;
- 2) A printed copy of the sequence listing;
- 3) A statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.821; and
- 4) Copy of Notice of Incomplete Reply.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry L. Davison", written over the typed name and title.

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